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**PATENT**

Docket No. 6315.N

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Benson et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Serial No.: 09/772,598 ) Examiner: Channing Mahatan  
Confirmation No.: 2967 )  
Filed: January 30, 2001 )  
For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS NAD SYNTHETASE

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."